

## Summer Wardrobe for Children

**I**N planning new clothes for the children a large part of the expenditure may be lessened if the mother looks ahead. It is wonderful how clothes can be cut down for the little folks when the material is in good condition. It does not pay to make over a cheap lawn or batiste, but a mother can always depend on the wearing qualities of gingham, linen, hickory or denim. The beginning should be made with the guimpes. They are always needed in warm weather, and the mother of two or three little girls is constantly busy making the little garments.

For this there is nothing quite so useful as the slightly worn lingerie blouse which has been used by some older person. A good portion can be obtained out of the sleeves by using the upper part and adding cuffs, while the front, if it is a blouse which opens in the back, recuts to excellent advantage for a child. In this case of a front-opening blouse, the fronts can be used for the back and the back for the front of the guimpe. If the blouse is made with a fancy trimmed front, making it impractical for the back of a child's guimpe, the two parts may be joined with a band of narrow lace insertion.

Sheer figured and striped Swiss are exceedingly dainty and economical for

fullness, which is darted out at the waistline, or they are cut on a pattern of circular shaping.

Morning frocks are pretty and show what can be done in making children's clothes without applied trimming. They are simply trimmed with buttons of pearl, with cuffs and set-on bands, made of the same material as the dress. A design with the full front and back held in with a belt is serviceable and attractive when made of plain color blue gingham stitched in white. The dress is also very dainty when made of sheer lawn.

The Russian blouse is nowadays the most popular form of dress for little boys up until they are five years of age, at which time they generally change to the sailor suit, with regulation blouse and bloomers. They may be made in various styles, and the mother who prefers her boy to have a distinctive boyish look will probably prefer the Russian blouse suit with a deep sailor collar. To give the regulation nautical finish, so dear to the heart of a boy, the anchor is embroidered on the shield, although the shield may sensibly be omitted in warm weather. Red striped gingham or tape is stitched on the sleeves for the stripes.

The patch with embroidered chevrons may be bought ready-made in



summer wear. The guimpes look much the same as the more expensive all-over embroideries and batiste. One can utilize an out-of-style dotted Swiss skirt in this way, making several guimpes out of one garment. The necks and sleeves can be finished with heading to which the lace has been whipped. The one-piece guimpes are the easiest to make, and they are very practical for the little tots. The fold of the material is placed at a line for the top of the shoulder and center of sleeve, and the guimpe is cut across the material. The neck must be cut out and the material slit at the neck for the opening, and then finished with a set-on-placket fastening.

If fullness is required lay it in plaits before cutting the guimpe out on the pattern. Busy mothers with little time for sewing appreciate the one-piece designs in children's clothes. Two very simple and attractive designs are quite easily made, percale, madras, gingham and linen being the best materials to use. They are especially pretty when trimmed with a material of a different color. For instance, a red and white dotted percale be finished with plain or bias bands of plain color red gingham or a dark green or blue mixed plaid gingham would be very effective with trimming bands of plain blue or green and often on a dark colored dress white muslin bands or piping make the most attractive sort of a trimming.

In making the one-piece dresses for the little folk, up to six years old, material a yard wide is preferable. By folding over the end of the goods, which is the line for the top of the shoulder and center of sleeves, as in a guimpe, the width of the material gives just about the required width for the body and sleeves of the dress. This may vary, of course, according to the size and age of the child. Older children, up to eight years, with broader shoulders, will require more width than that given by the usual 27 or 36 inch material. If this is the case the material may be reversed and the width used for the length of the dress.

The one-piece dresses are very pretty when trimmed with side or box plaits. If the mother is using a plain pattern she should stitch the plaits in before cutting the pattern out of the material. The dresses are not only adaptable for little girls, but also for boys until they are three years of age.

There are no garments quite so useful for the children as the bloomers. These are made of the same material as the dress, for they take the place of petticoats for the little girls and help them keep the undergarments clean, saving a great deal in the weekly laundry work. Bloomers for little girls are cut on a different pattern from the ones especially intended for boys. They have more

many of the stores at a slight cost and fastened on the left sleeve. While pique collars are very pretty in combination with dark blue linen or two-inch-wide bands of white or red pique make an attractive and gay finish on the edge of a deep sailor collar in white or dark color. For the belt the same material or the trimming fabric may be used, although many mothers prefer the belts of leather, as they are more serviceable.

### PASTERS ON ORANGES.

**O**RANGE growers have adopted a new idea in packing their fruit. The tissue paper wrappings, bearing the name of the shipper or of the orchard where the fruit was raised, have proved to have very little advertising value. Very often these wrappings are pulled off and thrown away, even before the fruit leaves the market or the fruit stores. It is never around an orange when served at the table, so that no matter how delicious the fruit may be it has, so to speak, no individuality. The man who eats it does not know how to get any more like it.

The growers now have a scheme which gives every man's crop a standing of its own. A little round plaster, a trifle more than half an inch in diameter, is stuck on each orange. These plasters are generally blue or green and have the name of the grower or his orchard in white letters. The plasters stay on the oranges even when the fruit appears on the table. They impress you as a stamp of superiority.

### Saving the Children.

A number of states have enacted laws this year regulating nightwork by children, the most notable being New York's provision that no one under 21 years of age may be employed as a night messenger after 10 o'clock p. m.

In New Jersey, after five years' battle with the glass manufacturers, the child labor committee has secured the nightwork bill, which prohibits the employment of children 16 years of age between the hours of 7 p. m. and 7 a. m.

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